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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Pack	Army
Lt. Jones	Navy
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	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

2. JCS Priority List

In connection with the current revision of the JCS Priority List, the Vice-Chairman announced that State, which does not have direct representation on the Joint Staff, had expressed a desire to submit recommendations with respect to the revision of this list, and that a Joint Staff representative (Col. Ondrick) had indicated a willingness to consider State's views in the matter. Accordingly, a conference has been arranged to permit State to present its recommendations. The Vice-Chairman stated that while agency views were being given consideration, the priorities to be assigned areas for NIS production purposes would, of course, be based on national security requirements as determined by the Joint Staff, which might be at variance with the recommendations of the agencies, particularly if any of these recommendations were based on agency capabilities rather than on national security considerations. It was agreed that the JCS Priority List should reflect the current requirements of the Joint Staff, and that agency capabilities for fulfilling these requirements were a matter for NIS Committee consideration when establishing NIS production schedules. (Refer to NIS Committee Meetings Nos. 138 and 139, dated 16 September and 14 October 1952, respectively)

3. Army Requirement for NIS 3

The Army member informed the Committee of a request received by his agency from Headquarters, European Command, that priority be assigned to the preparation of certain elements of NIS 3 (France). The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the NIS Committee is charged with scheduling NIS production in accordance with priorities established by the Joint Staff, and that it could consider requests for priority preparation of NIS to meet the operational requirements of one agency only if the area concerned was listed in one of the JCS high priority groups. The area concerned in the request under consideration (NIS 3 - France) does not appear in any of the three highest priority groups in the JCS list. Further, the area involved is in a lower JCS priority group than those on which production is presently scheduled. The Committee agreed, therefore, that priority preparation of NIS on Area No. 3 could not be undertaken at this time under the NIS Program, and the Army member will so advise Headquarters, European Command.

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4. Chapter VII Section Coordinators

Committee members representing the Defense Agencies were requested to submit the names of the individuals who will serve as Section Coordinators for the Chapter VII studies.

With respect to the production program for Chapter VII, the Vice-Chairman advised that the SEC had agreed to a change in the allocation of production responsibility for Sections 71 and 72. The proposed changes will be submitted to the NIS Committee for approval. In this connection, it was pointed out that until such time as the NIS Committee had acted on the proposed changes the allocation of production responsibility for Chapter VII as approved by the Committee on 28 October 1952 remains in effect.

5. Chapter VII Medical Section

The Air Force member stated that he had been approached by the medical people of his agency with respect to the possibility of expanding the Outline Guide to include a separate Section for medical data. The Vice-Chairman said that the desirability of providing a separate Section for such data had been considered at the time the Standard Instructions were revised, and that it had been decided to incorporate such data in Section 76. However, he stated that the matter could be reopened and suggested that the medical people prepare an outline showing what they propose to include, and present it to the Committee for determination as to whether there is sufficient material of a basic intelligence nature to warrant preparation of a special Section.

6. Controls on NIS

The Vice-Chairman stated that the numerous questions raised with regard to controls on NIS indicated a need for a statement on the control requirements for this type of material. He pointed out that it is the responsibility of the producing agency to indicate on all NIS contributions submitted to D/B whether dissemination of these elements is to be controlled. There are three types of controls which must be considered in connection with these contributions. They are as follows:

(a) The control which prohibits dissemination to any foreign government, or foreign national.

25X1X(b) The control which restricts dissemination to
[REDACTED]

(c) The control which governs the dissemination of NIS elements to SHAPE and its subordinate commands.

With respect to (a) above, the Defense agencies indicate the control aspects of the material involved in the letter of transmittal, and on the top and bottom of each page of manuscript and each unit of graphic material by

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this statement: "Special Handling Required - not Releasible to Foreign Nationals". The CIA and the Department of State indicate this type of control by the statement: "US Officials Only". With respect to the latter it has been ruled that the control statement "US Officials Only" carries the same restrictions as the Defense Department statement and, therefore, denies dissemination to foreign nationals.

With respect to (b) above, the contributing agencies will indicate on certain NIS areas, as approved^{25X1X7} and specifically listed by the NIS Committee, that the material is controlled [REDACTED] This control statement applies only to NIS areas 65 (Alaska), 67 (Greenland), and 68 (Iceland).

With respect to (c) above, the contributing agencies will notify D/B whether the dissemination to SHAPE and its subordinate commands shall be restricted to "US Officials Only", or disseminated on a "Table" basis, (all foreign officers on the International Staff of SHAPE or subordinate commands). Present authorization provides for dissemination to SHAPE of NIS elements for the USSR and the Satellite countries only, and the control statements relating to dissemination to SHAPE will, therefore, apply only to these countries.

In connection with the control of NIS elements disseminated to SHAPE, attention is invited to the fact that any elements on the bloc countries which have been given a control under (a) above will be automatically restricted to "US Officials Only". However, any NIS element which does not carry this type of control statement can be restricted to "US Officials Only", insofar as SHAPE and the subordinate commands are concerned, if the producing agency so desires. This will deny such NIS elements to all foreign^{25X1X7} officers on the International Staff of SHAPE and subordinate commands. [REDACTED]

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7. Possible compromise of NIS materials

The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee of a question raised by the Navy member with respect to the possible compromise of NIS material as a result of alien employees of State's missions abroad having access to Restricted-Controlled NIS elements. (Refer to paragraph 2, NIS Committee Meeting No. 140, 28 October 1952) The Vice-Chairman stated that to his knowledge no Restricted NIS elements bearing the control "Special Handling Required - not Releasible to Foreign Nationals" had been disseminated to State's foreign missions, and he requested the State member to investigate and prepare a statement as to his findings in this matter. In this connection, the Vice-Chairman outlined CIA's position as follows:

(a) Alien employees of State are considered foreign nationals and, as such, may not see national intelligence stamped "US Officials Only", nor "Special Handling Required - not Releasible to Foreign Nationals".

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(b) Alien employees of State may handle classified national intelligence which is not controlled providing they are cleared by State for the classification involved.

8. NIS Manuscript

The Vice-Chairman informed the members that in a number of instances recently, illegible manuscripts have been received in Editorial Branch, D/B. In some cases much of the material has had to be retyped for the printers, and many man hours have been consumed in conferences between contributors and members of the Editorial staff in the deciphering of poorly reproduced manuscripts. In order to save time and avoid errors, the Vice-Chairman requested that the members take measures to insure that clean, readable copy is submitted to D/B.

9. NIS Production

The Vice-Chairman stated that the schedule for November calls for the production of 40 Sections and that, to date, none have been received in D/B. The commitment of 40 Sections for November is one of the lowest for the fiscal year, and the Vice-Chairman expressed the hope that the goal will not only be met, but that the agencies will be able to reduce the backlog so that we can begin the last half of the year with a minimum of defections.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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